

1By: \_\_\_\_\_ .B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

2Substitute the following for \_\_\_\_\_.B. No. \_\_\_\_:

3By: \_\_\_\_\_ C.S.\_\_\_\_.B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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5 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

7relating to the development of water management infrastructure,  
8transportation infrastructure, and clearing of certain plants  
9along this state's international border.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 421, Government Code, is  
12amended by adding Section 421.0021 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 421.0021. BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

14 (a) This section authorizes the governor to take actions in  
15or affecting only:

16 (1) a county located on an international border with a  
17population of more than 54,000 but not more than 55,000; and

18 (2) a county located on an international border with a  
19population of more than 240,000 but not more than 252,000.

20 (b) In consultation with local law enforcement, the  
21Department of Public Safety, and United States Customs and Border  
22Protection, the governor may engage in activities described by  
23Subsection (c) for the purpose of preventing human trafficking,  
24human smuggling, movement of contraband, and illegal movement of  
25currency across this state's international border.

26 (c) The governor may:

27 (1) plan, design, construct, and maintain along this  
28state's international border water management infrastructure,  
29limited to a bulkhead and related transportation infrastructure  
30in a county located on an international border with a population  
31of more than 240,000 but not more than 252,000;

32           (2) perform the project development phases necessary to  
33bring Farm-to-Market Road 1021, Farm-to-Market Road 1472, the  
34road popularly referred to as El Indio Highway or Old Mines Road  
35online, including environmental compliance, right of way and  
36utilities, and preliminary engineering and design;

37           (3) clear nonindigenous plants and invasive plant  
38species along this state's international border in a manner that:

39                   (A) is consistent with integrated pest management  
40practices adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture;  
41and

42                   (B) does not utilize aerial application of  
43chemicals and herbicides; and

44           (4) study the effects of clearing at least 20 percent  
45but not more than 30 percent of selective plants and invasive  
46plant species on land located along this state's international  
47border in county described by Subsection (a).

48           (d) The governor shall make a request to the federal  
49government for reimbursement of amounts expended by the governor  
50under this section.

51       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
52a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
53provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
54Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect,  
55this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.\_